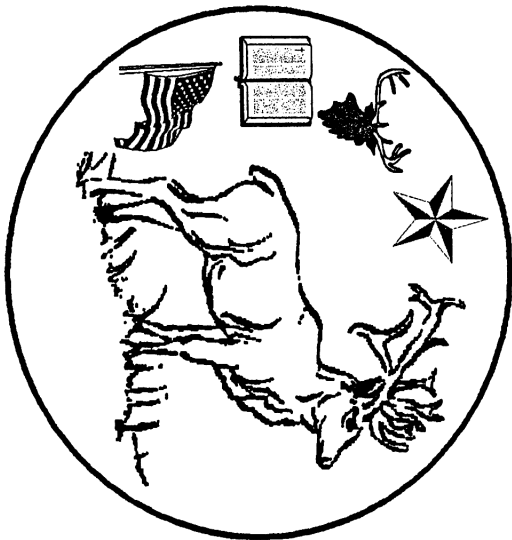
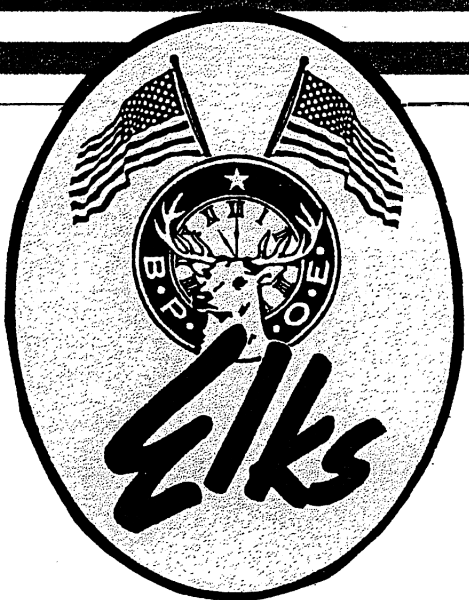
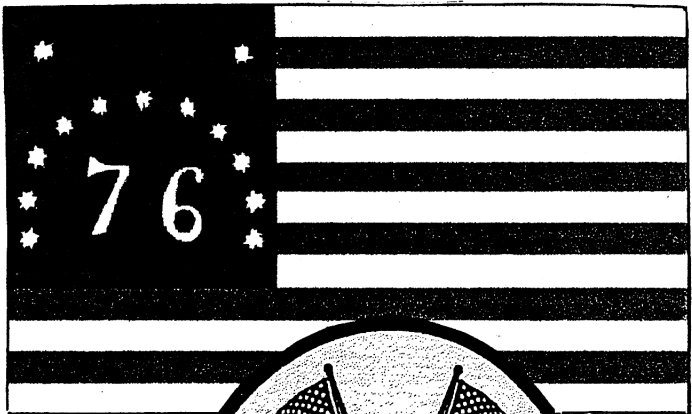


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LODGE NO. 567



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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS - COMING EVENTS FEB-MARCH-APRIL-MAY 2023

**Every Monday-** Bingo  
**Every Friday-** Queen of Hearts Drawing 6pm  
**Every Saturday-** \$2 book drawing 8pm  
**Wed Feb 1-** Fish or Chicken Dinner for ENF Doors open 5:15- Serving Starts 5:30pm  
**Thursday Feb 2-** Pitch League 7pm  
**Thursday Feb 9-** Pitch League 7pm  
**Saturday Feb 11-** Dinner and Theater- Gypsy Lane at Old Castle  
**Sunday Feb 12-** Bloody Mary Sunday/ Super Bowl/ Light Snacks  
**Tues Feb 14-** BOD Meets 6:30pm/Regular Meeting 8pm  
**Thursday Feb 16-** Pitch League 7pm  
**Friday Feb 17-** 3rd Friday Lunch noon till gone  
**Sunday Feb 19-** indoctrination 10am/ Initiation 11am  
**Tuesday Feb 21-** Steak Night Door open 6:15 Serving Starts 6:30pm  
**Thursday Feb 23-** Pitch League 7pm  
**Tuesday Feb 28-** Trustees meet 6:30pm/Regular meeting 8PM  
**Wed March 1-** Fish or Chicken Dinner for ENF Doors open 5:15- serving starts 5:30pm  
**Thursday March 2-** Pitch League 7pm  
**Thursday March 9-** Pitch League 7pm  
**Sunday March 12-** Daylight Savings Time begins  
**Tuesday March 14-** BOD meets 6:30pm/ Regular meeting 8pm  
**Thursday March 16-** Pitch League and Banquet 7pm  
**Friday March 17-** 3rd Friday Lunch noon till gone/ St. Patrick's Day- wear your green !!  
**Sunday March 19-** Las Vegas Day at the Vet's Home  
**Tuesday March 21-** Steak Night doors open 6:15 serving starts 6:30pm  
**Saturday March 25-** Installation of Officers  
**Tuesday March 28-** Trustees meet 6:30pm/ Regular meeting 8pm  
**Saturday April 1-** Las Vegas Day at the Lodge- games galore !  
**Wed April 5-** Fish or Chicken Dinner for ENF Doors open 5:15 serving starts 5:30pm  
**Tuesday April 11-** BOD meets 6:30pm/ Regular meeting 8pm  
**Tuesday April 18-** Steak Night- doors open 6:15pm serving stars 6:30pm  
**Tuesday April 25-** Trustees meet 6:30pm/ Regular meeting 8 pm  
**Friday April 28-** Vermont Steak House Night returns  
**Saturday April 29-** Corn Hole Tournament  
**Sunday May 7-** Vet's Home Steak Dinner and Bingo at the Lodge

*Please see Lodge bulletins for more details and additional events and join our Facebook page to stay current on Lodge News*

Your Social Committee is considering more upcoming events! Possibilities on the horizon: Community Appreciation Day, Food Truck Rally, Funday Sunday, Seafood boil... If YOU have ideas or would like to help by joining the committee or chairing an event, please e-mail the Lodge at bennelks567@gmail.com

To contact your Lodge Officers, please email bennelks567@gmail.com to the attention of the Officer you would like to contact

**FACEBOOK- LOOK UP " BENNINGTON LODGE # 567"**  
become a member on our facebook page. We post events and news on Facebook.

### MESSAGE FROM THE E.R. FEB-MARCH 2023

Good Day everyone, I hope all is well with you and your Families. We have had a lot going on lately, which is good. The winter Pitch League is underway. Interlodge Activities took place, Our Bowling Team took second place and will be moving on to Springfield for the finals. Wish them luck. Make sure to check out this bulletin. The Social Committee has been hard at work planning some events for the next couple months. We have some new things to try. With that being said, I would encourage you to please get your tickets early and not wait till the last minute. It makes it harder to order food and plan. I also encourage you to reach out to Don or Board Members if there are things you would like to see or have at the Lodge. Nomination of Officers is the first meeting in Feb (Feb 14) and elections are held the second meeting in Feb (Feb 28). Now is a good time to step up. We have filled the two vacant slots on the Trustee Board with Tom Kinney and Dave Woodward. Thank you Gentlemen for taking on these important positions.

As always be safe  
Fred Gilbar, Exalted Ruler

### Secretary's Corner- Feb-Mar 2023

Hello Members,  
In the next month or so I will be mailing out dues billing notices. Please be sure to pay them promptly. Upcoming dues are due before 4/1/23. Members are \$75.00 and Life Members are \$35.00. You may bring dues to the lodge and give them to the bartender working or mail them back to us at PO Box 316, Bennington VT 05201. You can send them in with or without the bill. If you pay them without the bill, please include your member number so that I can process them correctly. If you have any questions, phone or address updates now is the time to get those to me.  
Please email changes to bennelks567@gmail.com.  
Hope to see you at the Lodge!

*Fraternally,*  
**Kristen Lewis,**  
Lodge Secretary

### In Memoriam

**RICHARD BOLZA**

**JOSEPH L. KRAWCZYK JR.**

**LINDA GREENSLET**

**JOHN P. HART, LM**

*"Until the hour of eleven shall regularly return"*

## Lodge Officers 2022-2023

### Bennington Elks Lodge

125 Washington Avenue Bennington, VT 05201

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Exalted Ruler----- Frederick C. Gilbar  
Esteemed Leading Knight ----- Gregory A. Pinsonneault, PER,PDD  
Esteemed Loyal Knight----- Lori F. Pinsonneault, PER,PSP  
Esteemed Lecturing Knight----- Linda A. Oslizlo  
Secretary----- Kristen Lewis  
Treasurer----- Terry L. Granger, PER  
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Trustee ----- Charles F. Boyle, PER  
Trustee----- David Woodward  
Trustee----- Dennis Hart, PER  
Trustee----- Joyce Morier, PER  
Trustee----- Thomas P. Kinney, Jr. PER  
State Trustee----- Gregory A. Pinsonneault, PER, PDD

## ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION NEWS- FEB-MARCH 2023

These are the last 2 months of the Elks fiscal year which ends March 31, 2023. Donations from our Lodge to ENF stand at \$6,368.25 this puts our Lodge in the number 2 position among the Vermont Lodges in terms of donations. We now have 196 donors an increase on 8 donors from the Dec-Jan Bulletin. Thank you to the new donors.

In the Dec- Jan Bulletin we reported that the Lodge received a \$3,000 Gratitude Grant from ENF to help with the costs of the Community Thanksgiving Dinner which served over 1,000 dinners to shut ins and those that might not have a Thanksgiving Dinner. Since then I am pleased to report that our Lodge has received a \$2,000 ENF Spotlight Grant and a \$4,000 ENF Gratitude Grant. With these Grants, sizable donations will be made to 3 local non-profits who work with Veterans, Support the aged and infirm and provide food to the needy. The names of these organizations will be reported in the next bulletin as the presentations will not be made until early February. These donations will make a difference in our community.

Think about this- we have received Grants from ENF with a total value of \$9,000 to help us make a difference in our community, in addition we may have some Scholarship Funding coming. Our donations to ENF are currently at \$6,368.25 that means we have already received \$1.41 in Grants for each \$1.00 donated. What better place is there for your donations than ENF. For those 190 Members who have already donated- THANK YOU ! If you haven't yet donated please do it now- only 2 months left.

Thank you ~Charlie Boyle, ENF Fundraising Chair

*Thank you* The Christmas Trees in the Lodge were beautiful and brought a lot of Cheer and Holiday Spirit to the Lodge. These tree were provided by **Pembroke Tree Farms**. Thank you! If you need trees or a Christmas tree next year contact Pembroke Tree Farms, their trees are beautiful.



## DINNER & A SHOW! FEBRUARY 11, 2023

Bennington Lodge invites you to this evening of fun and laughter! We'll share a meal at the Lodge and then head over to Old Castle Theatre to see Gypsy Layne! ([www.gypsyayne.com](http://www.gypsyayne.com))

Dinner: Roast Pork Loin with all the fixins' by our very own Chefs Jimmy & Laurie P! This event is for Elks Members and Qualified guests. There will be a cash bar at the Theatre. Please watch for more details at the Lodge, on Facebook, and at [www.benningtonelks.org](http://www.benningtonelks.org).

Dinner & a Show: \$35/pp. Dinner only: \$15/pp.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**Saturday, March 25, 2023**

### Installation of 2023-2024 Lodge Officers

Please watch for more details at the Lodge, on Facebook, and at [www.benningtonelks.org](http://www.benningtonelks.org). If you would like to serve your lodge as a Lodge Officer, please contact one of the current officers listed in the front of this bulletin.

*The future success of our Lodge is in your hands.*

## LAS VEGAS COMES TO BENNINGTON!

Bennington Lodge of Elks #567

**Saturday, April 1, 2023**

There will be games of chance and much fun afoot! Great prizes!

Please watch for more details at the Lodge, on Facebook, and at [www.benningtonelks.org](http://www.benningtonelks.org).

## Vermont Steak House Night Returns!

**Friday, April 28 - Bennington Lodge #567**

This annual fundraiser offers traditional Vermont Steak House fare! Choice of dinner will be Rib Eye Steak or Chicken including the famous Relish Tray! Dinner is \$30/PP.

Relish Tray items will be available for purchase with or without dinner purchase. Tickets will be available at the Lodge. This event is open to the public.

## Corn Hole Tournament!

**Save the Date and Watch for sign up and more details!**

**Date is Saturday, April 29, 2023**



### VETERAN'S SERVICE NEWS- FEB-MARCH 2023 AND BEYOND

Good News !! We finally have two events scheduled with the Vets at the Vermont Veteran's Home.

**Sunday March 19- LAS VEGAS DAY AT THE VET'S HOME-** The Vet's and the Elks have long awaited getting this popular event started once again. Las Vegas Day will start at 1pm. Will need help from 10:30am on. Please sign up or let Mike Kinney or Gary Lewis know you will be coming to help.

**Sunday May 7- STEAK DINNER & BINGO** at the Lodge for the Vet's at the Veteran's Home. , Starting at about noontime for the Dinner, with Bingo to follow. Help will be needed from 9:30 on. Sign up or let Mike and Gary know you will be coming to help.

This is great news and we hope the Fishing Derbies will return this summer.

We owe the Veteran's our Freedom, so let's be sure we show them a good time and let them know that the Elks will never forget them.

*Thank you*

Veteran's Service co-chairs  
Mike Kinney, and Gary Lewis

### YOUTH ACTIVITY UPDATE FEB-MARCH 2023

#### VT State Champion Div. II football

On December 18th 2023, the Elks lodge hosted the VT State Div II football Champions Mt. Anthony Patriots. Our youth activity budget supported 205 prime rib or Chicken cordon bleu dinners.

Fred Gilbar, Jimmy, Greg and Lori Pinseault, Tammy and Don Roy, Killian, Kristin and Kelly Kervan, Nate, Lucas and Christina Lincourt and Kathy Wilkinson were in the kitchen to help out.

The Head Coach, Chad Gorden and the parents took up a collection to help assist out state major cause Silver Towers. This raised over \$700 and we will place a paver to memorialize this our 2022 state championship win over Bellows Falls.

#### Hoop Shoot

On January 8th we hosted our local hoop shoot, we had 4 participants that moved on to Springfield Vt. on January 15th. We are happy to report that Kaleb Ordway won his division with 20 out of 25 baskets and will move on to Barre Vt to compete again. Good luck!

Youth Activities  
Dale Corbett  
Don Roy

### Wednesday Night Dinner for ENF

**Always the first Wednesday of each month.**

This is a monthly dinner, your choices include, Fried Fish, Baked Fish, Oven Roasted half chicken (from Henry's Market), scalloped or French Fried potatoes, Cole slaw, Clam Chowder, cookies and coffee. **Only \$10.** Doors open 5:15 serving starts 5:30. This is open to all and benefits Veteran's Programs and Scholarships through Elks National Foundation. Eat in or take out.

**Wednesday Feb 1, Wednesday March 1** always the first Wednesday of each month

***A great dinner, a great price and a great cause, see you there !***

### DON'S CORNER- FEB-MARCH 23

Hi everyone!

Welcome to my corner The Holidays are behind us and now we can celebrate the next Holidays, Valentine's Day, President's Day, Super Bowl and NASCAR. Come on into the Lodge (bring your sweetheart) and enjoy some good conversation, cheering on your pick for the Super Bowl Team or rooting for your favorite driver. Don't forget to mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

February 11- Dinner at the Lodge and a burlesque show at Old Castle Theater featuring Gypsy lane.

February 12- Bloody Mary Sunday

with all your favorite toppings, Mimosa too and a light snack

February 12- Super Bowl Sunday !!

February 19- NASCAR's Daytona 500

March 12- Daylight Savings time

March 17- ST. Patrick's Day

*Every day is a good day at the lodge!*

Lodge steward, Don Roy

***Birthday?- Fill out the card shown below on your Birthday and present it to the Bartender***

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

### THIRD FRIDAY LUNCHES AT #567

**February 17 - March 17 - April 21 Noon Until Gone! \$10/pp**

Serving Soup and Sandwich in February. Others TBA.

Members & Qualified Guests.

TO-GO Will be Available

### STEAK NIGHTS- FEB-MARCH 2023

February 21 and March 21- mark these dates on your calendar as not to miss events. If you haven't been in a while, it's time to come back to the best dinner and the best buy in town and with the Best People on Earth (BPOE). Fresh Garden Salad, a prime steak prepared to your order, baked potato, sour cream and butter, hot vegetable and dinner roll- all this for only \$15. In the kitchen for February Steak Night, The Stark Hose Company. In March it will be Kelly Kervan and team.

***SEE YOU THERE !***

Bennington Lodge Website - [www.benningtonelks.org](http://www.benningtonelks.org)

You will find a lot of interesting information. Misplaced your bulletin?

It's on the website. Let us know if there is information that you would like to see.

## Bingo Schedule

Chairperson: Jesse THE BINGO King  
Coffee- Don Roy & Bruce Weaver  
Break Opens- Alice Stearns

### Floor

Tom Kinney  
Jessie King\*  
Linda Oslizlo

Joyce Grusaky\*  
Linda Oslizlo  
Tom Kinney

Greg Pinsonneault\*  
Linda Oslizlo  
Tom Kinney  
Brant Young

Greg Pinsonneault\*  
Linda Oslizlo  
Tom Kinney

\* Callers, if you cannot work your night, please find a replacement

### Kitchen

**Team 1**  
**Feb. 13 & March 13**  
Kevin Durocher  
Scott Racicot  
Joe Smith

**Team 2**  
**Feb. 20 & March 20**  
Mike Brush  
Doug Woodard  
Jon Kenyon

**Team 3**  
**Feb. 27 & March 27**  
Lori Pinsonneault  
Dale Corbett  
Greg Pinsonneault  
Alec Nicol

**Team 4**  
**Feb. 6 & March 6**  
Travis Racicot  
Richard Pembroke III  
Ryan Bull

## February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Fish or Chicken Dinner for ENF 5:30pm	2 Pitch League 7pm	3 Queen of Hearts 6pm	4 \$2 Book Drawing 8pm
5	6 Bingo Team 4	7	8	9 Pitch League 7pm	10 Queen of Hearts 6pm	11 Dinner and Gypsy Lane Show at Old Castle \$2 Book Drawing 8pm
12 Bloody Mary Sunday, Superbowl light snacks	13 Bingo Team 1	14 BOD meets 6:30pm Regular Meeting 8pm	15	16 Pitch League 7pm	17 3rd Friday Lunch, Noon until gone Queen of Hearts 6pm	18 \$2 Book Drawing 8pm
19 Initiation 11am Daytona 500	20 Bingo Team 2	21 Steak Night Doors open at 6:15 Serving at 6:30pm	22	23 Pitch League 7pm	24 Queen of Hearts 6pm	25 \$2 Book Drawing 8pm
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## March 2023

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## SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR INTERVIEW

This past December the Bennington Elks Lodge had the pleasure of interviewing a previous winner of the MVS Scholarship. This interview took place following the scholarship judging season. Aditi Patel is a senior at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island. She is studying Biomedical Engineering and Biochemistry with a focus on teaching STEM to students of all ages and backgrounds. Through the MVS scholarship Aditi has made lasting connections with numerous Elks lodge members, students, and networks. During the interview, Aditi shared how the scholarship has allowed her to focus on her studies and truly explore her interests, as well as the future she envisions. She has been introduced to fellow MVS scholarship winners from other Elks lodges and together they have built their own sense of community. Many of these scholars have developed strong foundations with each other and support one another throughout the school year. Through Elks support and Elks network opportunities, Aditi has assisted with a variety of community outreach programs. Some programs addressed food insecurity for low-income residents of Providence, while others have supported students in their learning paths. She has joined programs close to her school which support the local community she lives in. Aditi even went on a Service Trip to Tampa Bay, Florida where she worked on Hurricane Ian relief projects with other Elks scholars. Thanks to the Elks scholarship program and network, Aditi has met many people from all over the United States, has broadened her horizons, and now seeks to give back to her Bennington Community. She aims to do this by learning about different outreach programs, making learning more accessible to students, and sharing her experiences from living and working in other parts of America. At the end of the interview, Aditi shared how she enjoys living in Providence, but cannot wait to get back to the trees and mountains of our Green Mountain State.

Haley Grossman, Scholarship Chair